no objection for requisitioning information in specific cases even where the amount involved is smaller.

EXCISE DUTY ETRUCTURE OF CIGARETTE INDUSTRY

2555. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India are adopting specific excise duty structure exclusively for cigarettes under the item manufactured in Private Sector;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Cigarette Indusry represented this year to Government to keep the rates of excise duty structure static for three years ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Cigarette Industry increased cigarette Prices in January, February and recently in October and November;

(d) what is the revenue increase to Government from these hikes in cigarette prices; and

(e) whether Government are contemplating to switch over to a combination of Specific structure on Cigarettes as a remidy to offset the loss of Revenue, if any, to Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) No Sir, A number of other commodities, both in private as well as public sector, are also subjected to specific rate of excise duty.

(b) Certain manufacturers of cigarettes have represented to the Government to maintain stable excise duty structure and rates for specific period of time.

(c) The prices of cigarettes are not revised simultaneously by the cigarette industry as a whole. Different manfacturers have revised their prices at different points of time in the course of this year.

(d) The rate being specific, increase or decrease in revenue does not arise.

(e) In view of the ensuing budget, it is not possible to indicate the views of the Government in this matter

REVENUE COLLECTION OF METROPOLITAN CITIES

2556. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the Central revenue collected from the Metropolitan cities of Bombay, Madras, Delhi and Calcutta during the last three years;

(b) the different headings under which this revenue was collected; and

(c) what has been the allocation of funds during each year to each of the above four Metropolitan cities and their repective States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) The city wise records of customs and central excise duty collections are not maintained.

However, the customs and excise duty collection by Bombay, Madras, Delhi and Calcutta Custom Houses and Central Excise Collectorates in respect of their respective jurisdictions are given below :—